

January 2007
M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

M.A.O. MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) WHO ARE SERIES REGULARS/RECURRING

Peter Dinklage (LP)

As Marlowe Sawyer
"Nip/Tuck" - FX

Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)

As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC

Robert David Hall (AL)

As Coroner Dr. Robbins
"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" - CBS

Mitch Longley (WU)

As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC

Shoshannah Stern (D)

As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" - Showtime

TV APPEARANCES

Tracy Ashton (AL)

As Didi - "My Name is Earl"
"Our Cops Is On"
Thursday, January 4 on NBC - check local listings for time
See what life was like before Earl discovered karma.

Josh Blue (MI/CP)

"Josh Blue Comedy Special"
Premiers on Friday January 5 at 6:30 p.m. on Bravo
Check local listings for time

CONGRATULATIONS TO M.A.O. MEMBERS...

Mike Ward (O) directed a staged reading of the new play This is Not My Life at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco on December 4 and will also direct an upcoming production of Torch Song Trilogy, produced by **Dale Albright (O)**.

Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP) guest starred on the December 12 episode of House, and filmed a featured role in the film Gary the Tennis Coach.

Nina Diamante (MI) is in a Spanish language Foster Farms commercial currently airing. She also guest starred recently on MAD TV.

Casey Pieretti (AL) just completed filming a featured role in the film Death Sentence, which will be released in late 2007.

Lynn Manning (B) is featured in the poetry anthology, Voices from Leinert Park. For information go to www.tsehaipublishers.com.

Mitch Longley (WU) booked a guest role on Shark, air date TBA.

Danny Murphy (WU) performed in the Dec. 11th performance of The Eight: Reindeer Monologues at the Noho Arts Center, a benefit for Open at the Top theatre company.

Toby Forrest (WU) had a guest role on the new sitcom In Case of Emergency and a guest role written for him in a Showtime pilot called Insatiable.

Rich Hinz (CP) had an on-screen role and did voiceover for a CD/Internet industrial on diversity in the workplace recently.

Katie Rodriguez Banister (WU) published her book, Personal Care Attendant Guide this month. See www.demosmedpub.com or www.access-4-all.com for more info.

VERY SAD NEWS...

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of MAO member **Michael Gilden (LP)** on December 5. Michael had recently been featured in a recurring role on the drama NCIS, and was a presenter at the Media Access Awards in October. A funeral was held on December 10. Our sincere sympathies go to Meredith and Michael's family for this tragic loss.

L.A. CAREER EXPO FOR PWDs

A Career Expo specifically for people with disabilities, co-sponsored by EDD, will be held on Tuesday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LA Convention Center, 2nd Floor Concourse Hall, 1201 South Figueroa St. Representatives from Fortune 500 and government agencies will be on hand recruiting new employees. You must pre-register on-line at:

www.eop.com/exporegistration.html.

For more information, email info@eop.com.

MEDIA ACCESS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

In an effort to obtain the broadest range of nominations for the upcoming 25th Annual Media Access Awards, the office will be accepting suggestions for nominations from all interested parties throughout the year. If you know of any media product (film, television, theatre, print, etc.) or industry personage who deserves special recognition, please email your suggestion to: DGordy@edd.ca.gov, using the heading "MAA Nomination". Product awards are presented to those entities which do an exemplary job of accurately portraying the experience of disability and/or of employing people with disabilities. Please provide as much information as possible about your nomination (for example, initial date of airing and network for television show, or publication date for print media) and a brief justification for why you feel the product/person deserves recognition. The Media Access Awards are tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2007.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM APPLICATIONS

The Youth Leadership Forum is a special program for junior and senior high school students with disabilities. Participants attend a five day conference in Sacramento to learn leadership skills. Part of the activities includes a Talent Show directed by MAO North Program Director Doug Gordy. This year's forum will take place on July 22-26, 2007, and applications are now available at www.youthleadership.kintera.org. Please pass this information on to anyone in your network who might be a possible candidate.

NON-TRADITIONAL CASTING PROJECT

The Non-Traditional Casting Project is expanding its on-line national database for performers with disabilities. If you would like to be included at no charge, please send one headshot and résumé to:

Christine Bruno, Disability Advocate
Non-Traditional Casting Project
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600
New York, NY 10036

To ensure proper classification, please include the nature of your disability and any accommodations and/or assistive devices used, along with any union affiliations. Only professionally reproduced copies of headshots please.

The Media Access Office is staffed by the Employment Development Department. Volunteers and in-kind donations through the Friends of Californians with Disabilities, Inc. support the office.

Codes:

- * AA - Arm Amputee
- * AL - Leg Amputee
- * B - Blind
- * CP - Cerebral Palsy
- * D - Deaf
- * DD - Developmental Disability
- * Ds - Down syndrome
- * HI - Hearing Impaired
- * ID - Invisible Disability
- * LD - Learning Disability
- * LP - Little Person
- * MI - Mobility Impaired
- * O - Other
- * PWD - Performers With Disabilities
- * VI - Visually Impaired
- * WU - Wheelchair User

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